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July 30, 2002

The Honorable Dick Kopczick
Mayor of Morris
320 Wauponsee Street
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Illinois Route 47

Dear Mayor Kopczick:

I am writing in response to your recent letter requesting the extension of our current Illinois Route 47 project north to Jefferson Street. Due to procurement regulations, we cannot pursue adding work to the ongoing improvement beyond job limits established by contract. However, in response to a previous request by the city, we have initiated preliminary investigations regarding the expansion of Route 47 from Main Street to Benton Street. Rather than isolated work at Jefferson Street, it appears more appropriate to continue with a study for the entire segment. We will contact your office once some preliminary options are developed.

I appreciate the concerns of the city's Street and Alley Committee and am sorry we were not able to accommodate an immediate improvement.

Sincerely,

James Jereb
District Engineer

By: Gregg Mounts
Program Development Engineer



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SUBJECT: FAP Route 326 (IL. Route 47)
Section (111) R-1, W&RS - 1
Project ACHPD - 1310 (2)

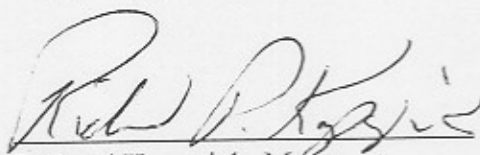
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Dear Mr. Jereb,

The City would like you to consider adding to the subject project, from Main Street north to Jefferson Street. The City's Street and Alley Committee was not fully aware of the extent of the project until recently (due to a change in administration) and the Committee would like turn lanes installed on Route 47 at Jefferson Street. We understand that the project is currently under construction and that our request may not be granted.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration I remain,

Very truly yours,


Richard Kopczick, Mayor

cc: John D. Enger, City Clerk
Brian Feeney, Chairman Streets and Alley Committee